gth January HINDRANCES TO TRADE WITH FRANCE

Master Edmonds, the ambassador in France, reporteth that the French have a mind, now that they have made peace with Spain, to restrain the import of foreign manufactures to raise better their own At first it was intended only to exclude silk as being rather an expense than a necessity, but since some would have all manufactures excluded to set then-people to work and to keep their money in the country, and that a revenue might be had from tolerations granted to particular persons To the ambassador's complaint, it was answered that seeing the afflicted state of the French people it is needful to restore their manufacturers by the same measures used by other countries and ourselves It appears also that they are incensed by the continual complaints made by their merchants which are not satisfied.

loth January HORSE FOR IRELAND

One hundred horsemen with their horses are now required for Ireland, to be taken from the counties of Norfolk, Kent, Suffolk and Essex They shall be armed with curats, open head-pieces or casques, and long pistols, and apparelled with long horsemen's coats of good strong cloth of orange tawny colour, trimmed with white lace

nth January NASHE'S * LENTEN STUFF*

There is a book of Nashe to be printed called *Nasbfs Lenten Stuff,* written in praise of the red herring and of Yarmouth where he set up his staff after the troubles of the *Isle of Dogs.* Amongst many other things, complaineth that the lawyers wrested his words to a wrong meaning, for, quoth he, * He that shall have his lines bandied by our usual plodders in Fitzherbert, let <u>him</u> not care whether they be right or wrong, for they will

writhe and turn them as they list, and make the author believe he meant that which he never did mean , and, for a knitting up conclusion, his credit is unrepnevably lost that on bare sus-picion in such cases shall but have his name controverted amongst them , and if I should fall into their hands I would be pressed to death for obstinate silence and never seek to clear myself, for it is in vain, since both they will confound a man's memory with then* tedious babbling, and in the first three words of his Apology with impudent exclamations interrupt